

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 2023

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor King called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICA**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Spencer, Link, Fleszar, Winslow, Rang

Absent: Prout

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

**MOVED** by Fleszar and supported by Link to pay the invoices for the month of October

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Winslow, Fleszar, Link, Rang, Spencer, King
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Prout

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. Spark Grant Application**

- City of Standish is designated as an opportunity community according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this gives the city priority in applying for the Spark Grants
  - Has to be city owned property

- Enties are required to maintain the grant funded property or equipment for a minimum of 20 years.
- Community Center would like to apply for the Spark Grant through the city, Mason is checking on the legalities and issues for this type of arrangement.
  - Standish Sterling Schools is beginning to have more control over the programming and plans at the Community Center, increasing the stability of the Center.
- Tabled

## **B. Bar Screen – Main Lift Station**

- To be reimbursed for the Bar Screen project it needs to be bid utilizing specific USDA rules.
  - Need to have competitive bidding done,
    - 3 different companies need to have bids in on the project
    - Mason is investigating other requirements for next month's meeting
- Public Hearing will be held next months regular meeting
  - Application needs to be submitted to the USDA within the 60 days after the public hearing is held

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Public Hearing – 432 North Street.**

**MOVED** by Flezar and supported by Rang to go into a Public Hearing for 432 North Street at 6:20pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- Homeowner of 432 North Street is asking for a variance to build an outbuilding (barn)
  - Outbuilding would be 30x32 (960 sq ft)
- City zoning states no secondary structures larger than 864 sq ft

**MOVED** by Rang and supported by Spencer to leave Public Hearing for 432 North Street at 6:23pm.

All approved, motion carried

**MOVED** by Rang and supported by Fleszar to grant the variance for 432 North Street to build a 960 sq ft Pole Barn 30x32

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Spencer, Rang, Link, Winslow, Fleszar, King
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Prout

The motion carried

### **B. Mosquito Control**

- Council members have been approached by a number of residence requesting mosquito control

- Local individual that may be able to provide the service utilizing a drone, wishes to create a presentation for council at an upcoming meeting
- Depending on the cost of the service the City may need to consider a millage on property taxes.

### **C. Railroad Crossing – Wheeler Road**

- It has been determined that the speed limit for the train traveling through the city can be increased to 40 mph
  - MDOT would like the crossing at Wheeler Road to be improved to accommodate the possible speed increase, gates would be installed.
- The City is required to fund the annual upkeep of the gates, but none of the upfront costs is borne by the city.
  - Railroad company was reminded that half of Wheeler Rd is the townships.

### **D. Crack Sealing - K & B Asphalt**

- K&B Asphalt provided an estimate of \$14,774.84 to seal cracks in 11 of the city streets.
  - Sealing the cracks in the roads will help extend their life.
- Council would like Duane Martin contacted for a possible second bid.
- Tabled till next meeting.

## 10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- October 18, 2023 at Pinconning Township Hall 6pm they are hosting a training for the proper way to host meetings - Roberts Rules of Order
  - Free training – anyone is welcome to attend
- October 27, 2023 from 1pm – 2pm, State Representative Mike Hoadley will be at City Hall hosting office house for anyone that would like to speak with him
- Moving forward with the grant for the school
  - 100% funded to run water
  - Approved for a 1% interest bearing loan for a sewer connection.
    - The school wouldn't be interested in the loan, new septic fields are much more cost effective for the school

## 12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

King reported the following:

- There was nothing major at the fire authority meeting.
- 307 Main St has been purchased by the City DDA
  - The buildings on this property will be removed
- When will the new shut off rules implemented by City Council in the September regular meeting going to be enforced?
  - New shut off notices have been ordered to start enforcing this new protocol in November.

## 13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Winslow – New curbs look very nice
- Link – Residents on Cass Street are very happy with the road repairs performed
  - Working on getting a speed sign placed on Cass Street
- Rang – Stop sign has been placed on S. Court St
  - Depo Christmas lights will be done soon
- Spencer – House on Cedar Street with tarp on roof and other disrepairs with the roof
  - Council question if this house would be violating the unsafe structure ordance
    - Possibly need an inspector to look into this
  - There has been a number of different residnets making comments to council members regarding this house.
  - City Manager would like a roll call vote performed by council to move forward with unsafe structure ordance and contacting an inspector.
  - Council determined that they would like the City Clerk to contact the resident to see if repairs are going to be done

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Champagne Southworth  
City Clerk

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Kevin King  
Mayor